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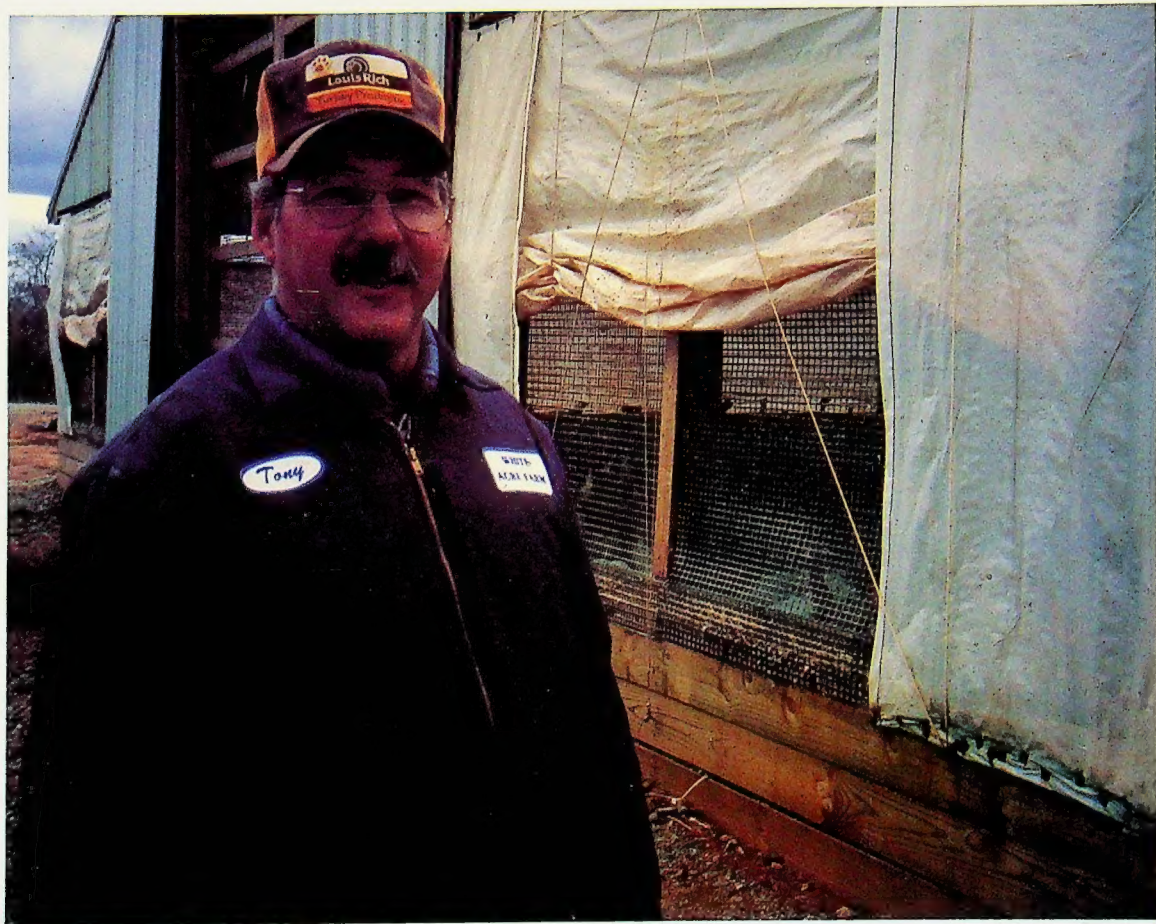
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## Notes from the Executive Secretary



### TO FUTURE FARMERS

BY J. EARL FRICK, JR.

The due date for submitting FFA contest and award applications is April 15, and the State FFA Officers will meet on May 4 for final selection and approval of award winners. The list includes Agricultural Education Scholarship, Agricultural Electrification Award, Individual FFA, State FFA Degree, National FFA Band, National FFA Chorus, American FFA Degree, Agricultural Proficiency Awards (29 areas), BOAC, Chapter Safety, National Chapter, Cooperative Award, Computers in Agriculture, and Agriculture Student Award. Some of these awards provide money to the winners as well as free trips for members and advisors to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Ask your advisor for assistance in submitting those awards for which you are eligible.

National FFA President Donnell Brown from Throckmorton, Texas, will attend and participate in our 1990 State FFA Conven-

tion at Clemson University June 6-8. Your State FFA Officers are working hard to make this year's convention the best ever. Be sure you attend, or have your chapter represented at your annual State FFA Convention.

Your Cherry Grove FFA Camp is ready to open June 11. Some minor damage was done by Hurricane Hugo, but repairs have been made and limbs and debris removed from the grounds. Regular camping dates are June 11-15, June 18-22 and July 2-6. The Leadership Conference for Chapter Officers is scheduled June 26-29. Reservations should be made early to guarantee you a spot at the camp. The summer camping program will provide you with some exciting and fun times at the beach along with some excellent educational and recreational opportunities. Make your plans now to attend and support your FFA camping program.

### TO YOUNG FARMERS

BY RUSSELL S. WILLIS

The 42nd Annual State Young Farmer Convention held January 19-20, 1990 at Radisson/Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach was an outstanding success. Attendance was up this year with almost 300 Young Farmers, wives, and guests participating. The Executive Committee contributed this to a more favorable market and attitude in the agricultural industry, and a changed format for the convention. Sponsors which are a very important part of the program were given more exposure, attendees were able to participate in the Educational Tours on Saturday rather than taking off of work on Friday, and a dance was added after the Banquet. As a result of your surveys, we will return next year to one of the best resort hotels of the Grand Strand - Radisson/Kingston Plantation, featuring all suites, indoor swimming and racquet ball, and at very reasonable rates. Mark this on your calendar now, you will not want to miss it.

As we start the new year, the officers have set as their goal increased participation of the membership. They also have committed to visiting chapters to promote our programs. The Executive Committee, based on comments at the Convention, are considering

more changes in the Convention format, and in the contest and awards area. One such added contest will be in the area of Agricultural Mechanics. This contest sponsored by NAPA will encourage farmers to maintain their equipment in such a way as to optimize production opportunity.

Chapters should soon submit their membership rosters. Rosters are due back to the State Association no later than May 31, 1990. Teachers that do not have a chapter should organize one. A Young Farmer Chapter at the school can be a very valuable asset to the entire program as well as the community. It is also the best way to satisfy one of the requirements of a twelve-month program.

This is a busy time of the year for farmers and teachers alike. Farmers are trying to get land ready, and crops planted. Teachers are beginning their contests and planning for the end of the year. Most of the events for the year will be planned in the first quarter of 1990. Among these are the Summer Tour. Plans are already in place for the Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Chapter to host this event July 20-21 near Estill SC. Make your plans now to attend and participate in this event.

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## National President Brown to Attend Annual FFA Convention at Clemson

National FFA President Donnell Brown from Throckmorton, Texas will attend and participate in the 63rd annual FFA convention at Clemson University, June 6-8.

"We feel fortunate and honored to have the national FFA President to attend our state convention," says state FFA president Benny Young. "We're asking FFA members to make a special effort to attend this convention and give Donnell Brown a big South Carolina welcome." Young served on the 1989 national nominating committee that selected Donnell as the national FFA President.

Another highlight scheduled for the convention is a address by Susan Forte, National Agriscience Ambassador from Florida and former NASA space astronaut. Individual and chapter awards will be presented, along with public speaking, parliamentary procedure and FFA Creed contests awards and recognition for the state star farmer and star agribusiness winners.



**Benny Young**



## Mackey to Receive Honorary Doctorate

Harold J. Mackey, FFA advisor at Belton-Honea Path High School, will receive the Honorary Doctorate in Education degree from South Carolina State College next month. Mackey will be honored for more than 30 years of service to his teaching and to his community.

Among his many civic activities, Mackey has served as Mayor Pro Tempore of Williamston since 1976, on the Board of the South Carolina Municipal Association, and on the Advisory Board of First Union National Bank of

Williamston. He received undergraduate and graduate degrees from South Carolina State, and an educational administration specialist degree from Clemson University.

During the graduation exercises on May 13, Charles C. Lewis, Sr., one of Mackey's former students, will assist in awarding the degree to Mackey. Lewis is secretary of the South Carolina State College Board of Trustees and also Administrative Assistant at Belton-Honea Path High School.

### Notice to FFA and Young Farmer Advisors and Members:

The editor and address of the **Young Farmer and Future Farmer Magazine** have changed. Please send any releases and information you have to:

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As you plan your chapter events for next year, please include our magazine in your promotion plans. The next issue of this magazine will be coming to you in the first week of July.

### DATES TO REMEMBER - FFA

Forest Products Harvesting Field Day	April 21 Manchester State Park
State FFA and 4-H Forestry Contest	May 12, Sandhills REC
State FFA Convention	June 6-8, Clemson
SCFFA Camp Opens	June 11, Cherry Grove
FFA Leadership Conference	June 26-29, Cherry Grove
Vocational Teachers Conference	July 30-August 1, Columbia
National FFA Convention	November 8-10, Kansas City

### DATES TO REMEMBER - YOUNG FARMER

Young Farmer Tour	July 20-21, Estill
National Young Farmer Institute	December 5-8, Denver
State Young Farmer Convention	January, 1991; Myrtle Beach





**Banquet speaker Jeff Flanders with Gertrud entertained the Friday night Young Farmers.**



**New Young Farmer President Hugh Weathers, presents the past presidents plaque to Joey Wilson.**

## Young Farmers Enjoy Myrtle Beach Convention

Tony Riddle of Saluda, turkey farmer, was honored as the South Carolina Young Farmer of the Year at the January banquet in Myrtle Beach. Riddle and 300 other members and guests met at the Radisson/Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach, for a convention that included a visit by Wayne Sprick, YF National Executive Secretary, and a tour of Hardee Manufacturing Company in Loris.

Andy Lowrey of Palmetto Farm Credit Services, Spartanburg, presented an engraved silver bowl and \$300 to Riddle. Riddle is a member of the Saluda Young Farmer Chapter, John Crawford, Advisor. Lowrey also presented the following District Young Farmer of the Year Awards: Jerry Jackson of Trenton,

Ken Chapman, advisor, District 1; Jimmy McGill of Clover, Chris Edge, advisor, District 2; Willis D. Boykin of Rembert, Billy Keels and John Weathers, advisors, District 3; Melvin L. Crum of Orangeburg, James Ulmer III, advisor, District 4.

Other state and district winners in farm management and production efficiency contests included the following:

### **Three-Acre Corn Contest - non-irrigated**

State: Mickey Johnson, Sumter; District 4: Harvey Garrick, Cope.

### **Three-Acre Corn Contest - irrigated**

State: Charlie Edens, Dalzell; District 2: Ricky Kneece, Pelion; District 4: William Jameson, Orangeburg.

Corn production awards were presented by Doug Roberts, Dekalb-Pfizer Genetics.

### **Five-Acre Soybean Contest - non-irrigated**

State: Johnny Whisenhunt, Orangeburg; District 1: Carlton Pitts, Laurens; District 2: Jeff Lucas, Pelion; District 3, Julian Murray, Florence.

### **Five-Acre Soybean Contest - irrigated**

State: Harvey Garrick, Cope. Soybean production awards were presented by Phil Farmer, Northrup King Company.

### **Five-Acre Cotton Contest**

State: Mickey Johnson, Sumter; Travis Hatcher, Johnston, second place.

Cotton awards were presented by Jimmy Plunkett, Mixon Seed Co.

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**Craig DeBrew, Carolina Power & Light Co., presents an Energy Efficiency Award to Sammy and Cathy Burrows of the Hillcrest Chapter.**

**Mickey Johnson of Sumter receives the Five-Acre Cotton Contest Award from Jimmy Plunkett, Mixon Seed Co.**







**These poults are at the four-week stage in Riddle's brooder house. Automatic timers regulate the feeding, watering and temperature.**

## **Tony Riddle of Saluda South Carolina Young Farmer of the Year**

"Raising 90,000 turkeys a year keeps me busy," Young Farmer of the Year Tony Riddle says. "At any one time, I'm either placing birds, moving birds, marketing birds or cleaning the houses." Riddle's hard work, optimism and poultry production success earned him the top award at the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers January convention.

Riddle's White Acre Farm raises Nicholas turkeys, the type used in Louis Rich's turkey luncheon meats. He has one brooder and four grow-out houses, and produces six flocks of tom turkeys per year. Four years ago, it took him 21 weeks to grow birds averaging 28 pounds. Today, it takes 19 weeks to produce turkeys averaging 31 pounds. In addition, Riddle tries to keep his mortality rate below 10 percent.

Riddle is a former president of the Saluda Chapter of Young Farmers. Presently he serves on the county committee of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and is a member of the Farm-City Committee.

**Riddle spends weeks making sure his turkey houses are clean. The floor of a grow-out house will have a layer of pine shavings added before the poults are moved in.**

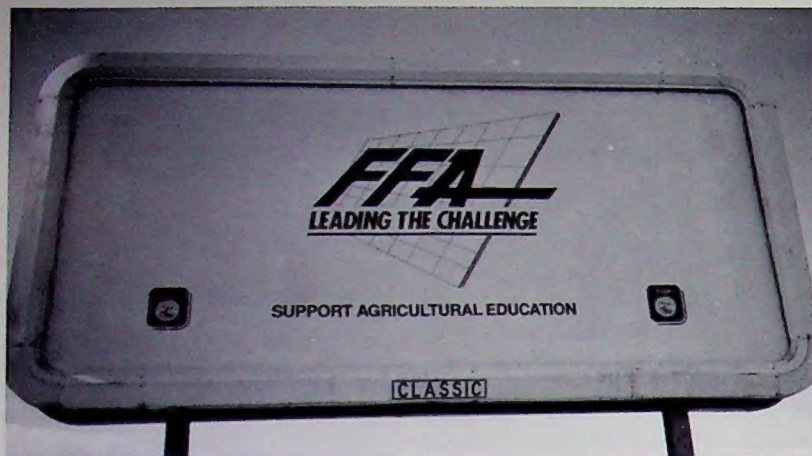


**Tony Riddle, South Carolina's 1989 Young Farmer of the Year.**

**This chemical footbath is used every time he walks into the brooder and grow-out houses.**







## A Special Thanks To The Following Outdoor Advertising Companies For Their Help To FFA

This year's theme, "FFA - Leading the Challenge," was seen during the week of February 17-24 throughout South Carolina because of the public service contributions of the following people and companies:

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Julianna Harman enjoyed serving guests during the breakfast.



Gilbert High Principal Bobby Whitehead was among the fifty Gilbert school staff enjoying the FFA breakfast.



Several members of Byrnes FFA Chapter at Duncan who attended the 27th annual meeting of the South Carolina Cooperative Council are shown above. They include front row, G.P. Jones, agriculture teacher, Timothy Brady, and Steve Davis. Second row, David Green, Tyson Wadell, and Brian Williams.

Harold Clinkscales of Iva, retired agriculture teacher, left, was honored as Distinguished Agriculturalist by the South Carolina Cooperative Council at its 27th annual meeting March 6 in Columbia. The award was presented by Hugh P. McClimon of Columbia, state supervisor of agricultural education, right.



Dr. Chester Floyd, Superintendent of Lexington School District One, enjoys the fresh-brewed coffee.







Jason Crapps, Troy Hartley, Will Harman and Suzanne Price assemble for the program and presentations.

## Gilbert Celebrates FFA Week With Faculty-Staff Breakfast

Thirty-six students in the Gilbert FFA Chapter observed FFA week with a Faculty-Staff Appreciation Breakfast in their high school cafeteria Friday, February 16. Called a "total success" by FFA Advisor Jack Cunningham, the breakfast served approximately 120 people for the eighth consecutive year.

Led by President Will Harman, the students formed into groups to put together a menu of french toast, sausage, fruit, cheese grits, fruit juice

and coffee. Most of them were at the school two hours early to begin preparations for the 7 a.m. meal. When the guests started coming in, chapter members were ready to serve each one with a delicious meal.

Troy Hartley gave the invocation during the program which included awards to Gilbert High teachers Judy Doppel and Myron Ganitt and a review of the contributions that FFA makes to society.



Breakfast guests J.N. Davis and Ray Derrick share morning comments with Gilbert FFA Advisor Jack Cunningham before sitting down to the breakfast.

Craig Ballington and Michael Davis were one of four teams cooking french toast for the breakfast.



Steve Willis, agriculture consultant, gets one of the first breakfast plates from President Will Harman.

### Cunningham Cites School Staff for FFA Breakfast Success

"We get tremendous support from our school's secretarial staff," claims Gilbert High FFA Advisor Jack Cunningham. Pausing a moment from greeting the 120 visitors coming to the chapter's Friday morning breakfast, Cunningham is quick to credit the secretaries' work.

"Without their help in putting together the invitations and then mailing them, we wouldn't get this outside support," he adds. He is referring to about half of the breakfast diners, people from the Lexington One district office, Gilbert businesses and local area farmers. For the past eight years, Cunningham's chapter has put on the breakfast during National FFA Week and enjoyed similar successes.

The hard-core planning for the event begins months in advance for the February FFA event. Cunningham is proud of the 50 members of the Gilbert chapter, describing them as "students you can depend on, that will be here early to get started." The total cost for the breakfast is \$300, which comes out of the chapter's general budget.

If other chapters are considering doing a similar breakfast, Cunningham has three helpful suggestions. "Do a lot of planning. Break the menu items down into groups, with each group made up of 3-4 students who will prepare the food." And finally, "Try to get support from your school administration, especially the secretaries."







**Jack Kolb manages the classroom and golf course details on computer.**



**Jack Queener discusses the details of pvc piping with Ira Scarberry, Hilton Head High School.**



**Tommy Lemieux, Beaufort High School, gets to operate the new skid loader regularly.**



**The fairway mower, operated here by David Stanley, Battery Creek High School, gets used every day during the growing season.**







The course sprinkler and timer systems were installed by the students of both classes.



Terrence Wilson, Beaufort High School, drives the greens mower.

## BEAUFORT-JASPER CEC PUTS EIA GRANT MONEY TO WORK EVERY DAY

Agriculture teachers Jack Kolb and Jack Queener, Beaufort-Jasper Career Education Center (CEC), combined years of teaching experience with a \$74,000 EIA grant last year to produce programs

**The sand trap rake, operated here by Reginald Brown, Jasper High School, is the first equipment students get trained on.**

that continue to work everyday. Kolb teaches golf course technologies; Queener teaches landscape/nursery. Together they have given agriculture programs at the center new distinctions.

Because of its location on Highway 278, between Interstate 95 and Hilton Head Island, Beaufort-Jasper CEC has high visibility. It also has a 3-hole golf area open to the public, so it attracts a

steady flow of golf putters who practice after school hours and on weekends.

Kolb is quick to give the credit for their new equipment to the Greens Superintendents Association of Hilton Head. "Without their help, I know we would not have gotten the grant. But in the Hilton Head area, there are 27 golf courses, and plenty of jobs to be filled." The association was particularly helpful in completing the needs assessment part of the grant application.

The grant money went for a sand trap rake, a fairway mower and a commercial grass mower, which get daily student use in Kolb's courses, called Turf I and Turf II. Queener's students use the skid loader and the edger in his landscape course extensively.

For many of the students, the opportunity to operate the golf course equipment is exciting. "I feel like I'm really learning a job," says Anthony Byas, Beaufort High School, who prefers operating the tractor-fairway mower combination to the other golf course equipment. Like many students, Byas doesn't play golf but does enjoy working outside. And like every student in both classes, Byas was tested for operating and safety skills for each machine before being allowed to use it.







**Stacy Brazen, Britton's Neck, shows proper soil judging form.**



**Bob Somer, left, of the South Carolina Land Resources Commission goes over the steps in the soil judging contest.**



**Pelion's First Place Team: Kneeling, Lee Brown, Sam Arnold, Henry Poole. Back, Chris Driggers, SCE&G; Josh Kyzer, Greg Padgett, Frank Stover, Advisor.**



**Britton's Neck's Second Place Team: Front, Brad Richardson, Johnny Moore. Back, Craig DeBrew, CP&L; Ross Richardson, Stacey Brazen; Jerry Pace, Advisor.**

## Pelion, Britton's Neck Take Top Soil Awards

FFA soil judging teams from Pelion High School in Lexington County and Britton's Neck High School in Marion County won over 14 other teams last month to take top honors in the 35th annual State FFA Soil Identification and Land Treatment Meet at Florence.

The top two teams will each receive \$1,200 for expenses to the national meet next month at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and both were awarded plaques as the top Palmetto State soil judging teams. The Pelion Chapter tallied 649 of a possible 720 points to head the field, with the Britton's Neck Chapter scoring 630 points.

The first place individual award went to Lee Brown of the Pelion Chapter, who scored 228 of a possible 240 points. He received \$450 for a trip to the National FFA Convention this fall in Kansas City, Missouri.

Second place individual honors went to Brad Richardson of the Britton's Neck Chapter, who tallied 217 points to win an engraved gold watch.

At the meet, students demonstrated the soil and land treatment skills they have learned in the classroom and through local FFA chapters.

Members of the top team are: Lee Brown, Sam Arnold, Josh Kyzer, Greg Padgett and Alternate, Henry Poole of the Pelion Chapter, with Frank Stover, Jr. as agriculture teacher and team advisor.

Second place team members include: Brad Richardson, Johnny Moore, Ross Richardson and Stacey Bazen of the Britton's Neck Chapter, with Jerry Pace as agriculture teacher and team advisor.

Receiving top district honors and a plaque were these teams: District I (Piedmont) — Abbeville Chapter; District II (Northern/Midlands) — Pelion Chapter; District III (Pee Dee) — Britton's Neck Chapter; and District IV (Charleston/Savannah River area) — Ridge Spring-Monetta Chapter.

Annual sponsors of the meet are Carolina Power and Light Company, Duke Power Company, South Carolina Electric and Gas Company, S.C. Conservation Districts Foundation and the S.C. Association of Conservation Districts. Assisting in staging the competition is the S.C. Soil Conservation Service and the Clemson University Extension Service.



The following presentation was made at the South Carolina Young Farmer's Convention in January by Wayne Sprick, National Executive Secretary. In it, Sprick addresses the topic of the proposed dues increase.

## **Presentation To Business Meeting South Carolina Young Farmers**

by Wayne Sprick

"Last night I mentioned the programs and activities that have been initiated and expanded during the past 3-4 years. Because time is of the essence, I will not repeat these now.

As a result of these programs as a means of establishing a national presence for adult education in agriculture and the National Young Farmer Educational Association, we are to the point where the financial situation and future needs to be addressed.

In 1989 the administrative cost of operating the association was about \$5.00 per member. With dues at \$2.00, this means that the line of credit and other miscellaneous income necessitates a dues increase to make up the difference.

The proposed dues of \$7.00 will provide three major things for the association and the membership of the association. In addition to providing a balanced budget on an annual basis. It will 1) increase the opportunity for the National Officers to represent the Young Farmers at State Conventions, agricultural organizations, and other meetings, thus increasing the national presence; 2) provide the opportunity to secure staff time to develop public awareness material and administer more programs. Presently 11 programs are administered by the National Association; 3) repay the line of credit to the National FFA Foundation.

The role of the National Association is to help the states to serve the membership. This is done by securing the programs on the national level that may not be available to states. I would encourage the South Carolina Association to consider the options available to them. These would include:

- 1) Grant for Innovative Programs
- 2) National Officer Candidate
- 3) Spokesperson Program
- 4) International Exchanges
- 5) Representation at the Summer Business Meeting

Thank you for the opportunity to be with you at your state convention. I will be present through Sunday morning. I will be glad to respond to questions that might arise. My purpose and objective while being here is to provide information. Thanks again."

## **CLOVER STUDENTS COMPLETE FARM TRAILER PROJECT**

Three Clover High School students last month completed a 20-foot trailer as part of their work for their Ag Mechanics class. Patrick Glenn, Frank Jackson, and Johnny Neelands began the project in the fall and used materials salvaged from the area for the steel frame.

Glenn and Neelands cut the steel beams from some girders actually planned for a school building. In shipment to the school, the beams became bent and were discarded. A local metal salvage company donated the other steel welded onto the beams. Jackson did the axle, rim and tire work on the custom built trailer.

The trailer is long enough for the owner to drive a tractor onto the trailer with the use of ramps included on it. Tail lights are recessed to give protection while back-

ing or loading equipment. Jack standards are mounted on the trailer to provide support while loading. The front hitch is adjustable to allow level pulling by several vehicles used on a farm. Upon completion, the trailer was painted red and the planking was treated with water seal. The students completed their project by installing removable safety chains to secure equipment during use.

Glenn, Jackson, and Neelands are proud of their work and plan to enter the trailer in the Lincoln Arc Welding Contest this year. The trailer is better than many factory-made trailers, according to Chris Edge, Clover FFA Advisor: "All welds have been done with a mig welder so the beads are all smooth." Edge has plans to encourage more students next year to attempt similar projects.

### **MYRTLE BEACH CONVENTION**

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#### **Livestock Production Awards**

##### **Beef**

State: Keith McDonald, Blackstock; Charles Long, Saluda, second place.

##### **Dairy**

State: Andy Clinton, Clover; Michael Hammond, Johnston, second place.

##### **Swine**

State: Davis McClam, Lynchburg; Andrew Carter, Ehrhardt, second place.

Livestock awards were presented by Frank McLeod of Central Soya.

#### **Forest Management Awards**

State: John Felder, Bowman; James Ulmer, Cameron, second place.

Forest management awards were presented by Ben Schwanda, Georgia Pacific.

#### **Energy Efficiency Awards**

State: Hal Arant, Bowman; James Williams, District 1; James Love, District 2; Sammy Burrows, District 3.

Energy Efficiency Awards were presented by Craig DeBrew, Carolina Power & Light Company.

#### **Young Farmer Chapter President Award**

State: William Nance, York Chapter.  
District 1: Joe Derrick, Edgefield Chapter.  
District 3: Willis Boykin, Hillcrest/Dalzell Chapter.  
District 4: John Felder, Bowman Chapter.

#### **Young Farmer Chapter Contest**

State: York Chapter, Bill Nance - President, John Crawford - Advisor.  
District 1: Saluda Chapter, Stuart Smith - President, John Crawford - Advisor.  
District 3: Hillcrest/Dalzell, Willis Boykin - President, Landy Weather - Advisor.  
Chapter contest awards were presented by Jim Loftis, Goldkist.

The Friday night banquet meeting featured an address by Wayne Sprick, National Executive Secretary, on future trends of the Young Farmers. Jeff Flanders and his puppet Gertrud provided the after-dinner entertainment for the Friday banquet.

## **IN MEMORIAL**

**TRAVIS M. CLARKE**

Clarke, a 1989 graduate of Clover High School, died Sunday, March 4, 1990 in a truck accident. He was an active member of the Clover High FFA for four years and had participated in numerous FFA projects. He was assistant manager of Westmoreland ACE Hardware in Gastonia, N.C.



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